

State Voters Gain 30 Pct. in Four Years

Another record registration was announced today by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan who said 5,062,089 Californians are eligible to vote at the forthcoming general election Nov. 2.

The current registration is nearly 30 per cent more than the 3,566,734 who qualified to go to the polls in the last presidential general election of 1944. In addition, Jordan said, the registration increased 8 1/2 per cent from the June primary or a boost of 429,960 registrants.

Of the total registration 2,892,270 are listed as Democrats and 1,968,208 as Republicans. The Secretary of State said of the 5,062,089 registered, Democrats accounted for 57.14 per cent and Republicans for 37.70 per cent. The Democratic registration was 34 per cent greater than the Republican.

Breaking down the figures still more, Jordan said the registration showed that since earlier this year the Democrats had increased their registration by 226,710 and the Republicans, 158,985.

Registration by counties showed that the Democrats had the majority in 55 out of 58, with the Republicans retaining two counties—Alpine and Orange—and gaining Mono county.

Jordan said other party registrations were: Independent Progressive, 22,461; Prohibition, 6,842; miscellaneous, 8,730; declined to state, 233,578.

The largest registration came from Los Angeles county with a total of 2,122,858, composed of 1,200,979 Democrats and 781,956 Republicans. In second place was San Francisco county with 492,836, including 292,682 Democrats and 155,770 Republicans, followed by Alameda county with a total of 416,731, composed of 234,897 Democrats and 165,591 Republicans.

Farm Bureau Opposed to Prop. No. 13

If a majority of California voters approve Proposition 13 on the Nov. 2 ballot, the state at once will face a threat of boss control to an extent never before experienced, in the opinion of Clyde Hooper, vice-president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, who urged all citizens to vote "no" on the Senate Reapportionment scheme.

"The measure," he said, "looms as a threat to the economy and political integrity of California. Once political control of the state falls into the hands of bosses, it will be next to impossible to redeem it. What the backers of this measure are after is the well known device of a one-house legislature through a 'delivered vote,' possible only in large cities."

"The one-house legislature has been sought here many times, but openly. This time the try is covered by the cloak of 'fair representation.' Actually the four larger cities already have a very substantial majority in the assembly and with their present senate representation, are more than fairly treated."

Sacred Music Festival Will Open Nov. 3

Marking a new era in the field of religious music, the Sacred Music Foundation of America will hold its first annual Sacred Music Festival in the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles Nov. 3 and 12.

Dedicated to providing opportunities and outlets for young church-going people with talent, the non-profit Foundation will, as a feature of the festival, stage musical auditions for newcomers with radio and recording contracts the reward for outstanding performance. In addition, a number of nationally known artists will appear on the program.

"The need for such an organization as the Sacred Music Foundation has long been recognized by church leaders, among them the Federation of Protestant Churches in America, prominent church musical directors and church youth groups," said Earle E. Williams, chairman of the Foundation's advisory board. "Besides aiding talented youth, the Foundation will assist Christian composers and encourage churches to avail themselves of an imposing list of artists."

Six Per Cent of All Autos Is Area Goal

Southern California will absorb at least six per cent of the total world production of automobiles by 1952, according to a forecast made by the Automobile Club of Southern California heralding the amazing growth of the Southland's automotive industry during the post-war years.

"Los Angeles is now recognized as the second most important automotive center in the world, handling approximately \$2,250,000,000 in annual, overall business," a Club spokesman said. "This total is about equal to the assessed valuation of all property in the city of Los Angeles."

It was pointed out that this region's 10 assembly plants have an annual capacity output in excess of 250,000 cars, with an f.o.b. value of more than \$400,000,000. Sales on cars, parts and repairs by new car dealers total approximately \$1,200,000,000 annually, the Club said.

Construction Boosts Value of Minerals

Overall value and amount of mineral production have been increasing steadily in California, particularly as to those products used in the construction industry, according to the State Division of Mines.

Between 1940 and 1946, stone, sand and gravel production in-

creased 72 percent in amount and 127 percent in value. Gypsum production increased 96 percent in amount and 133 percent in value.

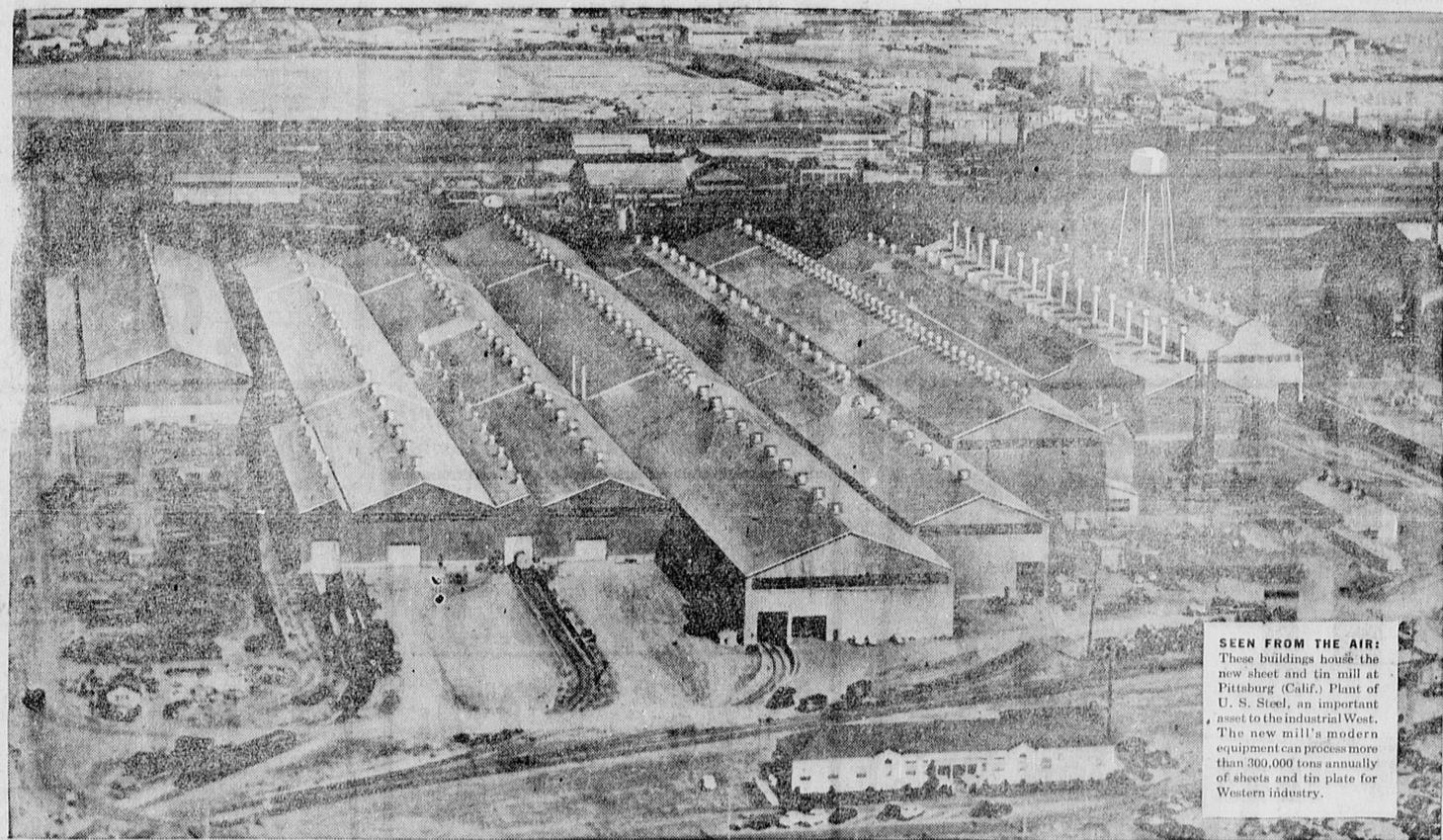
A new bulletin, No. 139, records the value and amount of production of each metal, fuel,

non-metallic material and saline material for 1946 and for prior years.

Pumice, now being used for building blocks, showed a gain in output of 211 percent in amount and 326 percent in value.

Pumice is being produced in considerable tonnage from the northwest end of Glass Mountain on the Medicine Lake Highland of the Siskiyou county. The Thompson Pumice Company deposits is grayish-white and is stronger than average natural pumice. The 1947 output was 17,500 yards and estimated production for 1948 is 30,000 yards.

U. S. Steel Opens New California Mill to Help Meet Steel Needs of the West



SEEN FROM THE AIR: These buildings house the new sheet and tin mill at Pittsburg (Calif.) Plant of U. S. Steel, an important asset to the industrial West. The new mill's modern equipment can process more than 300,000 tons annually of sheets and tin plate for Western industry.

Enlarged Facilities of Columbia Steel Plant Meet Challenge of Growing Western Industry

This latest addition to California's growing steel industry comes at a fitting time—while the Centennial Celebration is marking 100 years of progress. At the Pittsburg, California, Plant of Columbia Steel Company, subsidiary of United States Steel, a new cold reduction sheet and tin plate mill—the only one of its kind in the West—has just been completed and is now in operation.

One of the most important industrial developments in the West since the end of World War II, this modern new mill will supply tin plate to the great Western canning industry and sheets

to Western manufacturers of a wide range of products. This new Plant at Pittsburg, California, is one of the most diversified mills in the nation, and in keeping with the growth of the industrial West.

U. S. Steel's current production of steel is at a new peacetime high. Our huge construction program, now in process of completion, will increase our ability to help meet the steel needs of the nation. The West can depend upon the cooperation of United States Steel.



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